

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed May 23, 2006. Claims 1-7 and 13-24 were pending in the Application. In the Office Action, Claims 1-7 and 20-24 were rejected, and Claims 13-19 were allowed. In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, Applicants amend Independent claims 1 and 20. Thus, Claims 1-7 and 20-24 remain pending in the Application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

In the Office Action, the following actions were taken or matters were raised:

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Applicants thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowance of Claims 13-19. Claims 13-19 remain unchanged. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 13-19 remain in condition for allowance.

SECTION 102 REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5-7, 20, 21, 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,714,324 issued to Kurosawa et al. (hereinafter "*Kurosawa*"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Of the rejected claims, Claim 1 is independent. Applicants respectfully submit that *Kurosawa* does not disclose or even suggest each and every limitation of independent Claim 1. For example, Applicants respectfully submit that *Kurosawa* does not disclose or even suggest "a template body adapted to receive a media object to be scanned, the template body usable with a scanning system capable of performing a reflective scan routine and a transparent scan routine" and "an element disposed on the template for generating an optical pattern when scanned in the scanner system, the optical pattern indicating to the scanner system whether to perform the reflective scan routine or the transparent scan routine for scanning the media object." (emphasis added). *Kurosawa* appears to be directed to a film type identifying system that automatically identifies a type of film to be scanned (*Kurosawa*, Abstract). For example, *Kurosawa* states "the film identifying system identifies films having different sizes." (*Kurosawa*, column 2, lines 22-23). In response to determining the type of film to be scanned, *Kurosawa* further discloses "a scanning condition setting system that

automatically sets a scanning condition in accordance with the type of film identified by the film type identifying system.” (*Kurosawa*, column 2, lines 15-18). For example, *Kurosawa* states:

In accordance with the detected film holder or the detected film type, scanning conditions are set (S107). That is, the suitable imaging lens is located at the scanning section 110, a length of the auxiliary scanning for one frame and other scanning parameters are set.

(*Kurosawa*, column 6, lines 39-46). *Kurosawa* does not appear to disclose or even suggest “a template body adapted to receive a media object to be scanned, the template body usable with a scanning system capable of performing a reflective scan routine and a transparent scan routine” and “an element disposed on the template for generating an optical pattern when scanned in the scanner system, the optical pattern indicating to the scanner system whether to perform the reflective scan routine or the transparent scan routine” as recited by independent Claim 1 (emphasis added). Indeed, the Examiner even indicates in the Office Action that *Kurosawa* appears to be limited to transmissive scanning (Office Action, page 3); accordingly, there would be no need to utilize an optical pattern “indicating to the scanner system whether to perform the reflective scan routine or the transparent scan routine” as recited by independent Claim 1 (emphasis added). Thus, for at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that *Kurosawa* does not anticipate Independent Claim 1.

Independent Claim 20 recites: “a template body configured to receive a media object to be scanned, the template body usable with a scanner system capable of illuminating the media object with a reflective light source and a backlight source” and “an element disposed on the template for generating an optical pattern when scanned in the scanner system, the optical pattern indicating to the scanner system whether to activate the reflective light source or the backlight source” (emphasis added). For at least the reasons indicated above with respect to independent Claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that *Kurosawa* fails to disclose or even suggest “a template body configured to receive a media object to be scanned, the template body usable with a scanner system capable of illuminating the media object with a reflective light source and a backlight source” and “an element disposed on the template for generating an optical pattern when scanned in the scanner system, the optical pattern indicating to the scanner system whether to activate the reflective light source or the backlight

source” as recited by independent Claim 20 (emphasis added). Therefore, for at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 20 is also patentable over the *Kurosawa* reference.

Claims 2, 3, 5-7 and 21, 23 and 24 that depend respectively from independent Claims 1 and 20 are also not anticipated by *Kurosawa* at least because they incorporate the limitations of respective Claims 1 and 20 and also add additional elements that further distinguish *Kurosawa*. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 21, 23 and 24 be withdrawn.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submits the rejection of Claims 1, 2, 3, 5-7, 20, 21, 23 and 24 is improper and should be withdrawn.

SECTION 103 REJECTIONS

Claims 4 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kurosawa*. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

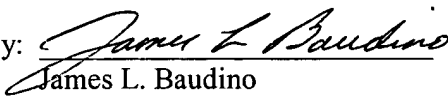
Claims 4 and 22 depend from independent Claims 1 and 20, respectively. For at least the reasons discussed above, Claims 1 and 20 are in condition for allowance and, therefore, Claims 4 and 22, which depend respectively therefrom, are also in condition for allowance. Therefore, for at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 4 and 22 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

A RCE filing fee of \$790.00 is believed due. The Director of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025 of Hewlett-Packard Company the amount of \$790.00 to satisfy the RCE filing fee. If, however, Applicants have miscalculated the fee due with this RCE, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this RCE to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 of Hewlett-Packard Company.

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